

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Notice was duly published June 9, 2020 on page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on June 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 AM. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. Chair Ridder stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Wednesday, June 17, 2020:

NG-102/ Choice Gas **Workshop**
PI-225 9:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

Tuesday, June 30, 2020:

Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5037/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to
PI-223 investigate the level of service quality provided by United
 Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink
Communications in the Oshkosh, Lewellen, and Chappell Telephone
Exchanges. Commissioner Mary Ridder presiding as Hearing Officer.
Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim
Schram, to enter an Order setting a hearing for August 19, 2020, at
12:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time in the Oshkosh Auditorium, 600 West
2nd Street, Oshkosh, Nebraska. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting AYE.

C-5119 In the Matter of the Application of Citizens
 Telecommunications Company of Nebraska dba Frontier
Communications of Nebraska, Mound, Minnesota, seeking approval of a
Local Resale Interconnection Agreement with BullsEye Telecom, Inc.,
Southfield, Michigan. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson,
seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order approving
application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal
Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-5125 In the Matter of the Application of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Blair, Nebraska, for authority to grant a security interest in collateral acquired through use of proceeds from RUS ReConnect Award NE 1701-A61. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.378 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Custom Teleconnect, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.383 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. DSCI, LLC., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed NUSF Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Network Innovations and Voyant Communications. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, that complaints be opened for Network Innovations and Voyant Communications. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-101 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska.

NG-101.1 Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy.

NG-107 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy for a deferred accounting order to record and preserve costs related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter assessment orders NG-101.1/BA-12, NG-107/BA-2 and BA-3. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

R&R 203 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 3, Motor Carrier Rules and Regulations, to amend provisions of the rules. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order Issuing Certificate of Adoption and Adopting First Set of Proposed Rules. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1934 In the Matter of the Application of Nightlife Party Bus, LLC, Beatrice, seeking revocation and cancellation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket B-1934. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order cancelling its Certificate. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2010 In the Matter of the Application of 9 Line Medical Solutions, LLC, d/b/a 9 Line Med, Tecumseh, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by ambulance in open class service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting an application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

M-14153 In the Matter of the Application of Chet's Transfer, Inc., Lincoln seeking approval of a change in ownership by sale and transfer of stock from Meryln D. and Sherrill J. Bice, Lincoln, to Kenneth R. Smetter, Lincoln, in Certificate No. M-14153. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting acquisition of control through stock transfer. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

M-14253 In the Matter of the Application of Chet's Transfer of Kearney, Inc., Kearney, seeking to change an existing operation by sale and transfer of stock ownership from Merlyn and Sherrill Bice to Daniel Liming. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting acquisition of control through stock transfer. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on June 29, 2020.

Chair

Executive Director